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SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO GOB PROTEST

REF: (A) STATE 80336 (B) BRIDGETOWN 615

1. AMBASSADOR CONCURS IN FOLLOWING RESPONSE TO GOB PROTEST. YOU SHOULD DELIVER RESPONSE ASAP. IF QUERIED, YOU MAY SAY THAT RESPONSE IS RESULT OF AMBASSADOR'S WASHINGTON CONSULTATIONS ON THIS ISSUE, EMPHASIZING USG CONCERN FOR CONTINUING GOOD RELATIONS WITH BARBADOS AND OUR RESPECT FOR GOB SOVEREIGNTY.

2. BEGIN NOTE RESPONDING TO GOB PROTEST: "THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS OF BARBADOS AND HAS THE HONOR TO REFER TO THE MINISTRY'S NOTE NO. EX-C, 94/2 VOL. II, DATED MARCH 29, 1976, WHICH OUTLINES CERTAIN ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE BARBADIAN AIR TRANSPORT LICENSING AUTHORITY (ATLA) IN REGARD TO OPERATING LICENSES FOR THE UNITED STATES AIR CARRIERS, EASTERN AND AMERICAN, AND
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WHICH EXPRESSES CONCERN WITH, AND OBJECTION TO, STATE-

MENTS ATTRIBUTED TO THE AMBASSADOR IN REGARD TO ACTIONS
TAKEN BY THE AFOREMENTIONED AIR TRANSPORT LICENSING
AUTHORITY.

THE EMBASSY REGRETS THE IMPRESSION CONVEYED BY THE PRESS
ACCOUNTS CITED BY THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS. THE
EMBASSY WISHES TO ASSURE THE MINISTRY THAT THE AMBASSA-
DOR'S COMMENTS REFLECTED HIS STRONG DESIRE TO SOLVE
PROBLEMS AND HENCE PRESERVE AND PROMOTE THE BASIC AND
TRADITIONAL MUTUALITY OF RESPECT AND COOPERATION WHICH
HAS TRADITIONALLY CHARACTERIZED RELATIONS BETWEEN BARBADOS
AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

THE EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT THE PRESS ACCOUNTS DID NOT
FULLY AND ACCURATELY CONVEY THE AMBASSADOR'S VIEWS, NOR
DID THEY CORRECTLY REPRESENT THE POLICY OF THE GOVERNMENT
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. THE UNITED STATES WISHES
TO REITERATE ITS FULL RESPECT FOR THE SOVEREIGNTY OF THE
GOVERNMENT OF BARBADOS AND ITS ADMINISTRATIVE AGENCIES.

THE UNITED STATES APPRECIATES THE EXPLANATION OF THE
DECISION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF BARBADOS TO ISSUE LICENSES
TO THE UNITED STATES AIR CARRIERS, EASTERN AIRLINES AND
AMERICAN AIRLINES. THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT WILL CON-
TINUE TO SEEK MUTUALLY AGREEABLE SOLUTIONS TO OUR TRANS-
PORT PROBLEMS AND REQUIREMENTS IN FULL CONSONANCE WITH
THE LAWS AND REGULATIONS OF BOTH COUNTRIES.

THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AVAILS IT-
SELF OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW TO THE MINISTRY OF
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS OF BARBADOS THE ASSURANCES OF ITS HIGH-
EST CONSIDERATION." KISSINGER

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